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SUBJECT: YAO WEN-YUAN'S MEETING WITH JAPANESE "SOCIAL SCIENTISTS"

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1. JAPANESE EMBOFF HAS PROVIDED US INFORMATION ON POLITBURO
MEMBER YAO WEN-YUAN'S RECEPTION ON AUGUST 23 OF A JAPANESE

DELEGATION OF "SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH WORKERS." (THE
AUGUST 24 PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIES A PHOTO AND SHORT NEWS ITEM
ON THE MEETING.) YAO CUSTOMARILY EMERGES TO CHAT WITH
VISITING PRESS AND PROPAGANDA DELEGATIONS, WHILE STATE COUNCIL
OFFICIALS--LATELY SUN CHIEN MORE OFTEN THAN NOT--HANDLES
VISITING SCIENTIFIC GROUPS. IN THIS INSTANCE, YAO WAS APPARENTLY
TAPPED BECAUSE THE GROUP'S IDENTIFICATION AS "SOCIAL SCIENTISTS" IS
SECONDARY TO ITS ASSOCIATION WITH A "FRIENDLY" GROUP: THE

JAPAN-CHINA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION (ORTHODOX), A PRO-PEKING
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2. YAO OPENED THE SESSION BY DESCRIBING TANGSHAN-FENGAN

EARTHQUAKE ACTIVITIES. NOTING THAT THE CHINESE PEOPLE
"RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF CRITICISM OF TENG" EVEN WHILE
COMBATING NATURAL CALAMITY, YAO PRESENTED A CAPSULE SUMMATION
OF THE STATE OF PLAY IN THE ANTI-TENG CAMPAIGN. HE LINKED THE
AUGUST 23 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL (REFTEL) WITH THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO SEND TENG'S THREE DOCUMENTS TO LOWER
LEVELS FOR UTILIZATION AS NEGATIVE TEACHING MATERIALS. HENCE,
YAO CONCLUDED, 95 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WERE NOW ACTIVELY
ENGAGED IN CRITICISM OF TENG AND HIS POLICIES.
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